Darien — Fire in Edin.r 3.d February 1700.

SCOTLAND'S LAMENT
FOR
Their MISFORTUNES.

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PRay liſten and hear of the ſad ſtate
has hapened to SCOTLAND of late
And this my part which I've begun,
will now declare their Misfortune
And truly this is very ſad,
enough to make a wiſe Man mad,
Theſe bypaſt Years have been ſo bad,
ther's Thouſands dyed for lake of Bread.
As yet it is not like to end,
till we the People do amend:
If an *Indian Trade* we do attemp,
likewiſe of Sin let us Repent.
At firſt by it we could do no good,
not being aſſiſted by our GOD;
We've loſt our Men, and our Money,
our Provender, and Ships at Sea,
Thô it be ſo it is no Wonder,
for the great Sin which we ly under,
Of good Religion we make a ſhew,
but oh! alace! it is not true.
Many Words we do make up on heap,
which makes us like the *Hypocrite*,
They are not in Sincetiry,
alace! too like the *Phariſee*;
Yet if in Goodneſs we do augment,
our GOD is good, and will Repent,
He'l give us Succeſs to our Trade,
that we our En'mies may invade,
A hard beginning is the beſt,
and will our good Friend prove at laſt.
Let us take Courage ſtill yet more,
for whom HE Loves HE chaſtens ſore.
Therefore our Trade we need not fear,
theſe are good News, that we do hear,
The ſafety of the *Riſing-Sun*,
to inhabite *Darien* will go on;
Let us take Courage and be glade,
hoping to have a gallant Trade:
But if we ſtill Rebels Remain,
againſt our Maſter to Conſpire,
He will then come as with a Train,
and ſet our Houſes all on fire.
As in *Edinburgh* that Gallant City,
(Saving His will) had been great pity.
Into the Year ſeven Hundred, 1700.
this ſad Misfortune hap'ned,
In *February* the third day,
the incroaching fire did mount ſo high,
That the beſt Buildings in the Town,
by force of it were pulled down,
Theſe brave Buildings, that were ſo high,
the like was not in thir Kingdoms three.
Full Fifteen Stories high or ſo,
yet by the Fire they're brought low,
Which cauſed many one to mourn,
Two Hundred Families there did burn.
Now the ſame Quarter of the Town,
thrice by the Fire has been pulled down;
We may receive it as a Wedge,
for the horrid Sin Sacraledge,
And other ſins which GOD doth move,
to afflict his People, them to prove,
Such as Pride, whoſe *P*atron's Hell,
whoſe Father is the Devil himſelf,
To break the Sabbath is a ſhame,
to Whore, and Drink, and to Blaſpheme,
To Cheat and lie, to *S*teel and Rive,
this age abounds wherein we live;
Therefore let us Repent with ſpeed,
for ſure there never was more need.
For theſe his Threatnings on us all,
we may receive them as a call,
And make Confeſſion of our Sins,
which all theſe Evils on us brings,
Over the ſame dayly to Mourn,
leaſt that into Hell's Fire we burn.

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